Wasatch Homeless Health Care, Inc.

Fourth Street Clinic 404 South 400 West

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Project Description

The Fourth Street Clinic is part of Wasatch Homeless Health Care, Inc. (WHHC), and provides comprehensive primary and ancillary health care services free of charge to adults and children who are homeless in the Salt Lake City metropolitan area. The clinic provides a range of services under one roof, including primary and specialty health care, oral health care, case management, behavioral health, and a pharmacy. A full range of services is delivered through referrals to community partners.

Services

WHHC provides primary health care, medical referrals to specialists, patient assistance prescription program, onsite pharmacy, behavioral health and substance abuse treatment through an integrated model, lab work, transportation, immunizations, dental care, eye glasses, nutritional counseling, health education, HIV/AIDS referral and counseling, TB testing and follow-up, temporary medical emergency housing, a respite care program, WIC, family planning, women's health services, podiatry, dermatology, physical therapy, and case management. WHHC also supports primary care clinics at Fourth Street Clinic on Monday and Thursday nights and Saturdays. WHHC provides primary health care services to homeless and runaway youth offsite Monday and Wednesday evenings.

Outreach health care services are also provided on Salt Lake City's streets, in parks, and in homeless camps. The program employs 3.0 FTE mid-level providers, a part-time family practice medical director, a full-time pediatrician, a full-time pediatric RN, five care coordinators, three medical assistants, and two client services advisors. Half of the staff are Spanish speaking. Additional clinical support is provided by Primary Children's Hospital, IHC, Inc., and volunteer physicians, nurses, medical students, and others. Additionally, two full-time AmeriCorps members and one VISTA worker provide care coordination and outreach in the community. WHHC oversees housing for up to eight people in treatment for Tuberculosis and provides respite care through local facilities.

Linkages

Psychosocial casework and eligibility for entitlements for sheltered guests are provided under an agreement with The Road Home (shelter). Mental health case management and treatment for severe diagnoses are referred to Valley Storefront, a division of Valley Mental Health Services. WHHC provides care coordination for all other people who are homeless. WHHC also places clients, through assessment and referral, into substance abuse treatment under an agreement with the Substance Abuse Services Division of Salt Lake County. WHHC works closely with city, county and state health departments and the University of Utah Health Sciences Center on disease control, particularly TB and hepatitis. City and county housing authorities are partners in helping homeless service providers solve the critical housing shortage for people who are homeless in the Salt Lake area. WHHC comanages a housing unit for TB patients with Housing Authority of Salt Lake County. WHHC also has linkages with Youth Resource Center, a drop-in center for homeless youth.

Statistics

Estimated homeless population: 3,200 Project users: 6,500

